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TAGS: AORG, FAO

SUBJECT: NIGERIAN CANDIDATE FOR FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL  
POSITION

REF: LAGOS 670

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1. DEPARTMENT RECEIVED NIGERIAN EMBASSY NOTE DATED  
29 JULY 1974 ANNOUNCING CANDIDACY OF BUKAR SHAIB FOR  
POSITION OF FAO DG. WE ACKNOWLEDGED NOTE ON 26 AUGUST,  
NOTING THAT DR. SHAIB IS WELL KNOWN TO USG REPS THROUGH  
HIS LONG ASSOCIATION WITH FAO AND ASSURING NIGERIANS OF  
OUR FULLEST CONSIDERATION OF HIS CANDIDACY.

2. DEADLINE FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES IS 10 APRIL.  
AT LEAST UNTIL THEN, I.E., ALLOWING FOR ALL POSSIBLE  
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CANDIDATES TO SURFACE, USG WILL NOT BE IN POSITION TO

DECIDE WHOM TO SUPPORT. TIMING OF DECISION BEYOND THAT DATE IS UNCLEAR. DECISION WILL BE INFLUENCED BY VARIETY OF FACTORS BASED ON OUR INTEREST IN VITAL LEADERSHIP OF FAO AND OUR ESTIMATE OF POLICIES EACH CANDIDATE MAY BE EXPECTED TO PURSUE. WE HAVE NO REGIONAL PREFERENCE AMONG PROBABLE CANDIDATES. IN THIS CONNECTION IT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO KNOW HOW GON PLANS TO HANDLE MATTER IN FEBRUARY OAU MEETING IN VIEW OF SEY (GHANAIAAN) CANDIDACY.

LIKEWISE EFFECT OF AFRICAN LEADERSHIP OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES, SUCH AS UNIDO, UPU AND UNESCO, MAY HAVE TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. IN VIEW OF LATENESS OF STRONG NATIONAL SUPPORT FOR SHAIB CANDIDACY, CONSIDERABLE EFFORT ON PART OF CANDIDATE AND GON WILL BE REQUIRED TO OVERTAKE LEAD GAINED BY SOME OTHER CANDIDATES.

3. FYI: IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN OUR EVALUATION OF VIABILITY OF DR. SHAIB'S CANDIDACY IF EMBASSY WOULD KEEP DEPARTMENT (AND ROME) INFORMED OF ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN ON HIS BEHALF BY GON. INGERSOLL

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